

Maryland High School Rodeo Association, Inc. HS/JH Member Information and Instructions 2023-2024

We are very glad you are joining or renewing your membership in the High School (HS) or Junior High School (JH) Divisions of the Maryland High School Rodeo Association (MDHSRA). We have an exciting year planned for our cowboys and cowgirls. On Page 3 you will find a set of instructions and links forms that must be completed to join or renew your membership.

If you have any questions, please contact our State Secretary, Tammy Walbert at marylandhighschoolrodeo@gmail.com or 443-783-3937, our National Director, Kurt Walbert at kwalbert68@gmail.com or 443-978-0327 or see our website (www.mdhsra.org).

Member Eligibility Requirements:

1. Must currently be attending school: grades 5-8 (Junior High), 9-12 (High School) or participating in an approved home school curriculum.
2. Must maintain a passing grade in 70% of your classes throughout the year.
3. Must be up to date with all NHSRA fees (see page 3 for details). These fees includes members' national and state annual fees and contestant insurance.
4. Must be up to date with all Rodeo event fees and MDHSRA dues (see page 3 for details). High School and Junior High Contestants must submit dues totaling \$250.00 throughout the season. The first installment of \$125.00 is due October 1. The second installment is due April 1. Members joining after November 1st are only responsible for spring dues.
5. Must participate in annual fundraisers (raffle tickets, 50/50's, bake sales, etc.).

General Information:

Generally, we have two performances in one rodeo weekend/day – when you call-in you will be entered in both performances unless you specify otherwise. Check-in times and other event information will be posted on the website prior to call-ins. Every rodeo has a mandatory contestant meeting before the start of the rodeo – roll call will be taken, if you miss this meeting you may not be permitted to compete. During check- in and the contestant meeting, contestants must be in dress code, including back number, and must remain in dress code until after the performance. All information regarding call-ins and performance details and schedules will be posted to the MDHSRA website (www.mdhsra.org).

Rodeo Call-ins and Entry Fees:

Details on how to enter an MDHSRA hosted rodeo will be posted on www.mdhsra.org and other social media outlets, including a specific time period for call-ins. After the call-in time period, entries are closed. If you miss call-ins you will not be permitted to sign up for a rodeo.

Entry fees are required for EACH rodeo and MUST be paid in cash or with a credit/debit card. Entry fees for all performances during the weekend must be paid during check-in prior to the start of the first performance. Entry fees will be posted on the event info sheet.

If we rodeo at events hosted by other states, the entry fees may vary and will be set by the host state. If you have called-in and turn out or are a no-show, you are still responsible for entry fees which must be paid before you will be allowed to rodeo again. If you have called in and vet-out or med-out (injury or illness to the horse or contestant), you are not responsible for entry fees (must provide letter from a vet or doctor to the MDHSRA secretary-see MDHSRA handbook for more information).

Rodeo Dress Code

- Western hat/helmet, long-sleeve western shirt, jeans, cowboy boots, belt
- Back number (provided at first attended rodeo)

Once again, we are excited that you are joining or renewing your membership with MDHSRA. Please look to MDHSRA.org for the MDHSRA handbook, bylaws and NHSRA rule book for more information. Contestants and parents are responsible for knowing the rules of rodeo and each event. Please follow the steps on page 3 of this document carefully to complete or renew your membership. We look forward to a great season!

High School and Junior High School membership instructions

High School and Junior High Members must do the following online prior to first rodeo:

- 🌐 Create an account on the NHSRA portal at <https://nhsra.equestevent.com/>
- 🌐 Complete and upload the following forms under your account (make sure to keep your originals):
 - NHSRA Membership Application (on [NHSRA portal](#))
 - NHSRA Minor Release Form– signed by contestant and both parents – MUST BE NOTARIZED.- will be generated during your on-line application update. (on [NHSRA portal](#))
 - MDHSRA Membership Application
 - MDHSRA Code of Conduct (MUST BE SIGNED)
 - Copy of birth certificate (new members only)
 - Copy of most recent report card (last report card from previous quarter/grade)
- 🌐 Submit payment online for NHSRA fees: \$175 for High School; \$131 for Junior High School

MDHSRA Membership dues:

High School and Junior High School Members are also responsible for MDHSRA state dues of \$250.

- 🌐 \$125 due by October 1
- 🌐 \$125 due by April 1

MDHSRA dues should be given to the treasurer at a rodeo or mailed to MDHSRA, P.O. Box 2682, Ellicott City MD 21043.

**Members must be up to date with all fees and dues to maintain good standing within MDHSRA.